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SUBJECT: GSP AND MTN BILATERAL CONSULTATION

1. STEPHEN LANDE, ASSISTANT STR FOR, INTER ALIA, BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR GSP IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE IN GENEVA FOR FIRST PHASE OF TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE JULY 15. DURING PREVIOUS VISITS TO GENEVA TURKISH AND GREEK OFFICIALS INDICATED ADVISABILITY OF VISIT TO NATIONS' CAPITALS TO BRIEF WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS ON MTN AND GSP.

2. LANDE CAN COME TO ATHENS FRIDAY, JULY 20 AND ANKARA JULY 23 (A) TO REVIEW MTN STATUS BEFORE MORE SUBSTANTIVE FALL NEGOTIATION PHASE AND (B) TO REVIEW STATUS OF GSP IMPLEMENTATION AND CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.

3. FOR ATHENS: BEGIN FYI. IF AND WHEN GREECE BECOMES FULL MEMBER OF EC, IT WILL BE STATUTORILY EXCLUDED FROM GSP

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BY SECTION 502(B) OF TRADE ACT. INTERAGENCY REVIEW IS

CONTINUING ON QUESTION OF WHAT, IF ANY, POSSIBILITY EXISTS
FOR GREECE'S ELIGIBILITY. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS BEING
FOCUSED ON SECTION 502(B)3. END FYI.

4. IF EMBASSY CONCURS IN VISIT, PLEASE INDICATE BY RE-
TURN CABLE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. DATES CAN BE JUGGLED SOME-
WHAT IF EMBASSY SUGGESTS. WE PLAN TO BRIEF GREEK/TURKISH
EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE IF EMBASSY CONCURS IN
PROPOSED VISIT. SISCO

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